

103D CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 585

To amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to provide for State disapproval of issuance of permits for the taking of marine mammals in protected State waters.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 26, 1993

Mr. GOSS (for himself, Mr. GILCHREST, Mr. SAXTON, and Mr. BILIRAKIS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Marine Mammal Pub-
5 lic Display Reform Act of 1993”.

1 **SEC. 2. STATE DISAPPROVAL OF ISSUANCE OF PERMITS**
2 **FOR TAKING OF MARINE MAMMALS IN STATE**
3 **WATERS.**

4 Subsection (d) of section 104 of the Marine Mammal
5 Protection Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1374) is amended by
6 adding at the end the following:

7 “(7)(A) The Secretary may not issue a permit under
8 subsection (c)(2) for the taking of any marine mammal
9 from protected State waters for the purpose of public dis-
10 play if—

11 “(i) issuance of such a permit would be incon-
12 sistent with State law; and

13 “(ii) the Governor of the State in which the
14 taking would occur submits to the Secretary notice
15 of State disapproval of the permit, including an ex-
16 planation of the reasons for the disapproval, not
17 later than 30 days after the date of publication of
18 notice of application for the permit pursuant to
19 paragraph (2).

20 “(B) For purposes of this paragraph, the term ‘pro-
21 tected State waters’ means State waters that—

22 “(i) receive special protection by State law from
23 certain activities; or

24 “(ii) have been designated by State law as hav-
25 ing special value.”.